Survey of new railway lines in Rajasthan

†88. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for survey of new railway lines in Rajasthan have been included in Rail Budget 2008-09;

(b) the details of the progress made of in earlier proposed survey works, survey-wise;

(c) the rank of Rajasthan in comparison to other States as far as rail networking is concerned; and

(d) whether the survey work for new railway lines of Jaipur-Malpura-Kekdi-Shahpura-Bheelwara-Gangapur-Nathdwara, Nagaur-Jayal-Ladnu-Sikar-Neem Ka Thana and Jaisalmar-Badmer would be carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Three.

(b) and (d) A Statement is enclosed.

(c) Rajasthan ranks second among all States.

Statement

Detailed Surveys conducted/completed since 2004-05 in the State of Rajasthan

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Year of Inclusion/ Completion	KMS
1	2	3	4
A. Surveys completed and project sanctioned for execution.			
1.	Loharu-Sikar-Churu-Ringus-Jaipur Gauge Conversion.	06-07	320
2.	Udaipur City-Himmatnagar-Ahmedabad Gauge Conversion.	06-07	299
3.	Jaipur-Dausa Doubling.	04-05	61
4.	Sadulpur-Ratangarh-Bikaner & Ratangarh-Degana Gauge Conversion.	04-05	364
5.	Dausa-Bandikui Gauge Conversion.	04-05	90
6.	Suratpura-Hannumangarh Gauge Conversion.	07-08	240
B. Surveys completed and project proposal could not be considered because of heavy throwforward & unremunerative nature.			
1.	Ratlam-Banswara *via* Dungarpur New Line.	04-05	176
2.	Phalodi-Balotra *via* Shergarh, Shaitrawa & Dechhu New Line.	04-05	165
3.	Phulera to Merta Road Doubling.	07-08	153
4.	Rewari-Bhiwadi New Line.	04-05	27

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1	2	3	4
5.	Ban Sadari-Nimach New Line.	06-07	50
6.	Dahod-Banswara New Line.	04-05	120
7.	Loharu-Bhiwani New Line.	06-07	64
8.	Ajmer-Kota New Line.	07-08	145
9.	Rail Link to Tonk-Devli New Line.	07-08	62
10.	Jaisalmer-Kandla New Line.	05-06	562
11.	Anupgarh-Kolayat *via* Khajuwala New Line.	07-08	200
12.	Anupgarh-Khajuwala-Jaisalmer-Ramgarh New Line.	07-08	485
13.	Jaisalmer-Barmer New Line.	05-06	144
14.	Ujjain-Jhalawar/Ramgarnjmandi New Line (Updating).	07-08	190
C. Surveys completed.			
1.	Pushkar-Merta road New Line.	07-08	59
2.	Bilara-Bar New Line.	06-07	52
3.	Anupgarh - Bikaner New Line.	04-05	155
4.	Phalodi-Nagaur New Line.	06-07	147
5.	Mavli-Marwar Gauge Conversion.	07-08	183
6.	Mavali to Bari Sadari Gauge Conversion.	08-09	82
7.	Gwalior-Shivpur Kalan Gauge Conversion and ext. up to Kota New Line (Updating).	05-06	200
8.	Ratlam-Banswara-Dungarpur New Line (Updating).	07-08	176
9.	Rewari-Bhiwadi New Line(Updating).	08-09	27
D. Survey taken up.			
1.	Dholpur-Sirmuttra Gauge Conversion (Updating).	04-05	144
2.	Himmatnagar-Khedbranhma Gauge Conversion with ext. up to Abu road.	07-08	120
3.	Bina-Kota Doubling.	07-08	283
4.	Amarpura (Jorasi) to Chirawa *via* Tathwari and Singhana New Line.	08-09	70
5.	Rewari-Palwal-Khurja New Line.	08-09	115
6.	Jhunjhunu-Pilani New Line.	06-07	17

(d) Jaipur to Nathdwara new line *via* Gangapur-Bhilwara-Shahpura-Kekri-Malpura.

A survey for a new BG line from Jaipur to Nathdwara *via* Diggi-Malpura-Kekri-Shahpura-Banera Bhilwara-Gangapur (350 kms) was conducted in the past but the project could not be taken up keeping in view its unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.

Jaisalmer to Barmer New Line.

This is a part of Jaisalmer-Kandla new broad gauge line for which survey has been done. Work could not be taken up due to large throwforward of ongoing projects, constraint of resources and unremunerative nature of the line.

Nagaur-Javal-Ladnu-Sikar-Neem Ka Thana New Line.

No survey has been done.

Accident on Saryu Express

†89. SHRI MOTTLAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that on 19th January, 2009, a large number of youth boarded the roofs of coaches because of non-availability of seats in Saryu Express and fifty youths fell down from the roofs at Chilbila station;

(b) if so, the number of youth died and injured;

(c) the aid extended by Government to the bereaved families of the dead and injured;

(d) the reasons for not stopping the youth from boarding the roofs of the coaches; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to prevent such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. On 19.01.2009, some persons were found travelling on the roof of Train No.4125 (Saryu Express) at Pratapgarh Railway station and were brought down and accommodated inside the coaches by Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police. On arrival of the train at Chilbila Railway station, few persons travelling unauthorizedely again boarded the roof of the train. Some of them fell down from the roof due to hit by branch of a tree near the track when the train was passing between Chilbila and Khandor Railway stations in Pratapgarh-Sultanpur section over Lucknow Division of Northern Railway.

(b) 3 persons died and 28 were injured in this incident.

(c) No financial aid is permissible to the dependents of those dead and injured in this accident, as traveling on roof top of a train is unauthorized and is punishable offence under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

(d) Efforts were made to detrain the unauthorized roof travelers at Pratapgarh and Chilbila stations by Railway Protection Force Government Railway Police and station staff, but some of the youth climbed again on the roof of the compartment when train left from Chilbila, where there was no deployment of Railway Protection Force / Government Railway Police Staff.

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